

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC: (VICANOVIC, STELLA)  
SUBJECT: W/W: STELLA VICANOVIC

REF STATE 173676 AND PREVIOUS

1. SINCE CONGEN HAS NOT, TO DATE, RECEIVED A REPORT OR CONFIRMATION OF MR. VICANOVIC CLAIMS OF POLICE MISTREATMENT, REPLIES TO REFTEL ARE ONLY RESULT INTERVIEW WITH MR. VICANOVIC.

2. ACCORDING TO VICANOVIC, HIS RELATIVES HAVE A LOW LEVEL INCOME AND CAN BARELY SUPPORT THEMSELVES, THEREFORE CONGEN FORESEES NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THOSE RELATIVES.

3. AS PER PARAGRAPH 4 MILAN'S 1176, MR. VICANOVIC MAINTAINS HE WAS HARASSED BY THE POLICE IN HERCEG NOVI AND ACCUSED OF BEING A CIA AGENT. HE CLAIMS THE POLICE CONFISCATED \$5,300 (HIS LAWYER, MR. JUDGE HAS CONFIRMED MR. VICANOVIC WAS GIVEN \$5,000 BEFORE HE LEFT THE U.S.). HE WAS RETURNED ONLY \$600 OF THE TOTAL SUM AND WAS TOLD TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA TO AVOID BEING THROWN IN JAIL TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. HE REPEATS THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP WAS TO CONTACT LOCAL BUSINESS FOR UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION. HE STATED TOO THAT DURING HIS STAY IN YUGOSLAVIA HE AVOIDED POLITICAL CONVERSATION OR FEELINGS AND THAT HE INTENDED TO LEAVE AS SOON AS HIS BUSINESS WAS ACCOMPLISHED. HE CLAIMS HE WAS  
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ADVISED NOT TO FILE ANY LEGAL COMPLAINT WITH THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. THE MATTER OF APPEAL WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED AFTER HE RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES OR AFTER WE RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM BELGRADE.

4. MR. VICANOVIC AND FAMILY DO NOT WISH TO RETURN TO YUGOSLAVIA

AS THEY ARE AFRAID THEY WILL BE AGAIN HARASSED BY THE POLICE.  
HOWEVER, CONGEN FEELS MR. VICANOVIC NOT FACING JAIL. CONGEN  
STILL PUZZLED VICANOVIC POLICE DIFFICULTIES. THIS IS A MATTER  
TO BE CLEARED BY BELGRADE.

5. IN VIEW BELGRADE'S ESTIMATED ONE MONTH DELAY BEFORE REPLY  
FROM FEDERAL SECRETARIAT AND IN VIEW OF LARGE SUBSISTENCE  
(\$45.00 DAILY) CONGEN WOULD RECOMMEND WAIVER AND APPROVAL OF  
REPATRIATION FOR VICANOVIC FAMILY. CONGEN NOT SURE AT THIS  
POINT AS TO REPAYMENT OF LOAN BY VICANOVIC, AND AS TO  
RESULTS OF BELGRADE'S INVESTIGATION.WRIGHT

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